

November 16, 2016

OCS Board Meeting

In Attendance: Dimitri Dandolos, Laura Thompson, George Hantzandreu, George Righos, Abigail LeGrow, Josiah Wolcott, Tami Soltow, Nick Manolakos - Headmaster

Guests: Karen, Ricardo, Chrisi Lockwood

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept as amended. Moved (Abigail) 2nd (Tami) - passed

Treasurer's Report

- Same trends and similar numbers to what was seen last month
- Received over \$5000 for homeless transportation
- Other revenue has been coming in
- Federal Grants are now available to us
- Perkins money will be in during November
- Billings for Food Service are 2 months behind but is coming in
- 58.4% collected – which is where you would expect to be at this time of year
- Expenses are at 40%

Motion to approve (George H.) 2nd (George R.) - Passed

School Operations

- Amber Gladney in attendance
- Class Waivers
 - Minor Modification to increase enrollment to 23 in each of the K-3 classrooms
 - Need board approval to seek the waiver from DOE from the regulated class size of 22
 - Under 5% change in enrollment does not require modification
 - We have the ability to vary our Charter thresholds but this waiver is according to DOE regulations
 - Motion to give Dr. Manolakos authority to seek a waiver from DOE for classrooms to exceed 22 students 1st (Joe) 2nd (George H.) – passed
- December 1st Annual Report
 - Organizational Framework Report
 - Financial Framework Report
- Chair Lift needed
 - A student coming on November 28 in a wheelchair and needs a lift
 - Foot traffic in the area of the lift will be evaluated
- Choice
 - 2 open house sessions for elementary were conducted with 80-90 attendees

- Open House for older grades had about 60 attendees
- Kinder and High School Open Houses are still coming
 - High school students will be attending the High School Open House
- Current Applications
 - K = 234 applications
 - 6th = 102 applications
 - 9th = 25 applications
- Presentation will be available online
 - Highlighting the benefits of bilingual programs
 - Emphasizing the expectations for new students in Greek classes
- Maintaining/Retaining current students
 - Rising 6th graders – tours during the school day are planned for current attendees as well as prospective students
 - Rising 9th graders – student shadowing offered
- Exploring choice applications and options for emphasizing the rigors of second-language learning on those applications

Strategic Plan

- Next meeting will be December 3rd
- Discussions about
 - Capital Campaign
 - Partnerships
 - Greek Program

Capital Campaign

- Materials are ready and available
 - Contacting AHEPA Chapters for their contributions to our schools
 - Potential Investors have been identified
- Analyzing Needs
 - Chair Lift
 - Elevator
 - High School Cafeteria
 - Big Gym

Small Gym

- Single Contractor to help with alignment issues – Michael Fogarty
 - Hockessin Contractor
- Hopefully will be up and running in January
- All permits have been provided
- All plans have been submitted to the county
- Traffic/Car Line during construction – consideration is being given
- Funds have been approved for the interior of the building

Greek Program

- This Saturday the Provost of University of Thessaloniki and a Dean from the university are visiting to talk about teaching the Greek language to non-Greeks

- Discussing Materials and Practices
- Creating relationship with Greek Universities and American Universities
- Looking at Immersion Program possibilities with Board and Administration
 - Would it be possible for 6th grade students?
 - Current design is with K program
 - Typically these immersion programs “top out” in 5th grade due to content level and challenges with academic vocabulary
 - Some staffing concerns in 6th grade or with middle school
 - FLES (Foreign Language in the Elementary School) program is currently in place
- Pilot can be mentioned at Kinder Open House to collect data about interest level
- Additional language offered at High School level
 - Spanish is available for students who have passed Greek
 - Or Spanish is offered as an elective for new students
 - Greek is required for new students

Facilities

- Status Report Reviewed
- Buildings
- Food Services
- Questions about working with Pettinaro
 - Subcommittee?
 - Dimitri has reached out to begin conversations
 - Private agreement with owner to use part of property (easements) for water drainage
 - Access to the property – OCS is not supposed to use the 141 exit/entrance
 - OCS Reps are looking in to using this access point

Transportation

- Still some issues
- Some improvements have been made
- May want to explore internal transportation
 - How can we lease other buses?
 - Explore other providers
 - Could we provide a space for buses?
 - How can we partner with other schools?
 - We have 16 buses – Academia has 7 or 8
 - Consider new tenant coming in
- Charter Office at DOE is looking to help Charters consolidate efforts (Denise Stouffer)

Building 27

- Pursuing potential tenants
- Driving force is to increase revenue from this building
- Commitment has been made in the financials to occupy this building

For the Good of the School/Public Comments

- Chair Lift

- 2 Straight sections
 - There are possibilities for other contractors – Dave might have contacts
- On October 18th there was an incident with a child on a bus and parent at the bus stop
 - Nick said that he will address the issue with Mr. Winokur
- Sports programs are wrapping up. The teams have grown a lot over the season. OCS was represented well by show of sportsmanship. Intramural program is well-supported by parents. The headmaster at Friends spoke highly of our coaches and kids and OCS is invited back anytime.
- Nick offers thank you for Karen, Chrisi, and Ricardo for financials
- Faculty Handbook for 2016-2017 has gone out to faculty

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters Proposed 8:44 PM - Moved (Joe) 2nd (George H.)

Open session resumed 9:52 PM

Agreed to evaluate Plan A, which requires distribution relevant materials for the board to make a decision regarding this Personnel matter at a future date and time.

Motion to move ahead with Plan A 1st (George H.) 2nd (George R) – passed

Motion to adjourn – 1st (George R) 2nd (Abigail) – passed 9:55 PM